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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 1, 2002, and having a thirty-day shortened statutory period for response. Claims 10-20 are pending in the application. Claims 10-20 are subject to restriction requirement.. Applicants desire to reply as follows.

REMARKS

This Response is made to the Official Action mailed November 1, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Response.

Applicants note that the subject matter of the claims is subject to a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372. Applicants are required to make an election among three allegedly distinct inventions, namely, Group I, covering claims 10-16, drawn to compound of Formula I, assay using said compound and method of making said compound; Group II, covering claims 17-18, drawn to compounds of Formula II and method of making said compound; and Group III, covering claims 19-20, drawn to a method of identifying an